

2008 Southern Wildland Urban Interface Grant Program

Type of Grant: Hazard Mitigation: Firewise Coordinator

1.	State Submitting Project		Oklahoma	
	State Priority		2	
	Requested Grant Amount		\$75,971	
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NIMS Certification		The State of Oklahoma has adopted NIMS and the use ICS in their day-to-day emergency operations. Certified By: _____		
Is this a Community Protection Grant?		_____ Yes No		
Coordination Certification for Community Protection Funds (Steven's Funds) only		We, the (forest name) National Forest have coordinated with the State of (state name) and determined the fuel treatments to be beneficial to the National Forest hazardous fuels program. Certified By: _____ U.S. Forest Service Official		
2.	Interface Community			
	Latitude		Longitude	
	Community Description			
			Statewide, targeting Communities at Risk of Wildfire (High)	
	Hazard Description			
			Homes have been built in formerly wildland areas, with no thought or provisions for wildfire safety or protection. Fuels surrounding these homes include eastern red cedars, oaks and pines intermixed with grasses and shrubs. A general lack of the principles of fire prevention, hazard mitigation and Firewise landscaping is evident throughout these areas.	

3.	Project Summary	
	Project Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazard Fuel Reduction <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner & Community Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information & Education
	Project Description and Objectives.	<p>Description: Contract an individual to promote Firewise principals across Oklahoma with particular efforts placed in communities identified at High Risk to Wildfire. The contractor will assist communities in developing Community Wildfire Protection Plans and Firewise Plans. The contractor will also assist communities in becoming a recognized Firewise Community.</p> <p>Objectives: Improve the capability of communities in Oklahoma of surviving a wildfire with minimal losses of property in the community.</p>
4.	How will this project affect people? –(Value Added) i.e. Landscape, Community safety, behavioral changes etc.	
	<p>This will increase the number of CWPPs and Firewise Plans in Oklahoma. It will also increase the number of communities taking action to reduce their wildfire hazard and risk. The CWPPs and Firewise Plans will help guide Communities and landowners in deciding on a mitigation strategy that will be effective in reducing the Wildfire Hazard in their community resulting in cost-effective hazard mitigation efforts stretching dollars further and making Communities safer.</p>	
5.	How many people and homes will this project affect? Describe.	
	<p>This project will affect most of Forestry Services leadership and supervisory personnel, community leaders and decision makers, along with landowners.</p> <p>Approximately 250,000 people live in the interface. These represent approximately 50,000 housing units. These homes vary widely in hazard and risk. Wildland Urban Interface areas in Oklahoma are not normally regulated in any way. This increase in the Firewise effort in Oklahoma will help reduce the hazards and risks across Oklahoma.</p>	
6.	Project Design	
	Give a detailed description of the project steps and activities to achieve objectives.	
	<p>Contract an individual to promote Firewise across Oklahoma and serve as the Oklahoma Firewise Coordinator.</p>	

	<p>Time line of major milestones & accomplishments.</p> <p>Immediately following Grant award</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contract individual to serve as Oklahoma Firewise Coordinator. 2. Train Contractor on Oklahoma Firewise Home Assessment and Community Assessment recommended methodology. 3. Have Contractor assist Communities with CWPP Grants and Firewise Plan Grants complete their plans. 4. Have Contractor promote Firewise in Oklahoma communities at High Risk to Wildfire. 5. Send Contractor to National Firewise training as available. <p>Why were these activities chosen?</p> <p>This will help communities prepare Community Wildfire Protection Plans and Firewise Plans, and develop hazard mitigation projects. This will also increase activities to reduce wildfire hazard in communities with high wildfire hazard.</p>
7.	<p>Name all private, local, tribal, state and federal organizations involved in this project.</p> <p>Organizations expected to be involved include the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; DOI- Bureau of Indian Affairs; various Municipal and Rural Fire Departments; Rural Fire Coordinators; and community governments and the Native American Tribes of Oklahoma.</p>
8.	<p>Project Evaluation. (Criteria for evaluating performance through measurable outcomes)</p> <p>Project will be measured by :</p> <p>New CWPPs and Firewise Plans started. CWPPs and Firewise Plans completed. Number of recognized Firewise Communities.</p>

9.	<p>Portability: Describe how this project can be a template to be applied successfully in other areas. (Internally and Externally)</p> <p>Other states have contracted Firewise Coordinators.</p>
10.	<p>How will this proposal help accomplish the SGSF Fire Management Goals and meet the National Criteria for 2008?</p> <p>This Grant addresses Wildland Fire and Forest Fuels on Private and State Lands: Objective 1. Firefighter and public safety, Action D. Encourage homeowners in wildland urban interface to utilize Firewise principles and hazardous fuel reduction activities as ways of increasing both firefighter and public safety; Objective 2. Increase fire prevention activities and their effectiveness across the region, Action D. Highlight and encourage fire risk assessment products in local/state/regional planning (Firewise, etc.) and Action F. Update and continue to implement the SGSF Strategies for Wildland Fire Prevention and the Wildland urban Interface; and Objective 7. Effectively implement the Southern Wildfire Risk Assessment, Action A. Facilitate and encourage the use of the Southern Fire Risk Assessment as a strategic planning tool and as a tool to communicate wildland fire issues in the South. And Southern Group of State Foresters Implementation Plan Goal 3.4. Facilitate cooperation and increase awareness among all stakeholders on wildfires and prevention of wildfires and wildland arson, Action Item b. - Develop a strategy to educate all stakeholders on wildfire prevention, fuel mitigation, defensible space and homeowner responsibility, Action Item c. – Encourage the use of fire risk assessment products in local, state and regional strategic planning. And Southern Group of State Foresters Implementation Plan Goal 3.6. Facilitate and encourage the use of the Southern Fire Risk Assessment as a strategic planning tool and as a tool to communicate wildland fire issues in the South. And Southern Group of State Foresters Implementation Plan Goal 3.3 Develop and promote fuels reduction strategies Action Item e. – Encourage communities at risk as identified in the Southern Fire Risk Assessment to develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP).</p> <p>It addresses National Theme: Enhance Public Benefits Associated with Trees and Forests. Key Strategy 3, enhancing community fire protection capabilities.</p> <p>It will be accountable, as the costs will be tracked specifically for project purposes.</p>

